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Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hower (US Patent No.5,467,434) Sibusawa (US Patent No.6,088,120 and Maniwa (US Patent No.5,768,483).

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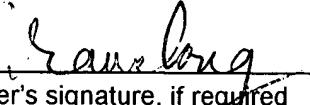
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